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SUBJECT: ICCS POLDEL ATTITUDES

1. COL. J. KLOSZEWSKI, CHIEF OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO ICCS REGION VI, TOLD A VISITING VICE CONSUL IN MY THO JULY 10 THAT HE BELIEVED THE ICCS WOULD TEMPORARILY CEASE FUNCTIONING IF NO NEW MEMBER JOINS THE COMMISSION WHEN CANADA WITHDRAWS LATER THIS MONTH. SUCH A DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE BY HIS SUPERIORS, KLOSZEWSKI EXPLAINED, BUT HE COULD NOT IMAGINE HOW THE COMMISSION COULD OPERATE WITH ONLY THREE MEMBEERS WHEN THE PARIS AGREEMENT CLEARLY CALLS FOR FOUR. HE WAS CONFIDENT POLAND COULD WORK WITH ANY NEW COMMISSION MEMBER, PROVIDED IT WAS DEDICATED TO IMPLEMENTING THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. KLOSZEWSKI WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE COMMISSION COULD NEVER

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CARRY OUT ITS TASKS AS LONG AS THE PRG WAS NOT REPRESENTED AT

THE REGIONAL LEVEL. HE CRITICIZED THE GVN FOR FAILURE TO GUARANTEE THE PRG PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES CALLED FOR IN THE PARIS AGREEMENT. HE CITED THE JUNE 27-28 PRG/GVN IMPASSE IN MY THO (CAN THO 0514) AS AN EXAMPLY OF THE GVN'S UNWILLINGNESS TO EXPEDITE PRG DEPLOYMENT. HE OBSERVED THAT VIET NAM IS FULL OF MEN CARRYING GUNS AND WEARING GREE UNIFORMS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE ICCS TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUAL IMCIDENTS. WITHOUT THE PRG'S PRESENCE, SAID KLOSZEWSKI, THE COMMISSION WAS LIKE A JUDGE HEARING WITNESSES FOR ONLY ONE SIDE. THE GVN SIMPLY BLAMES THE VC FOR EVERY INCIDENT, AND THE COMMISSION NEEDS THE PRG/JMC TO ARGUE THE OTHER SIDE.

3. COMMENT: WITHOUT DENYING POLAND'S ROLE AS CUSTODIAN OF PRG/NVA INTERESTS, COL KLOSZEWSKI'S OBSERVATIONS ON THE LIMITS OF ICCS USEFULNESS WIHOUT THE PRG/JMC HAVE MERIT. HE FAILS TO NOTE, OF COURSE, THAT IT IS THE PRG ITSELF WHICH BEARS AT LEAST HALF THE BLAME FOR ITS FAILURE TO DEPLOY. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT VICE CONSUL GOT VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL COMMENTS AS CONTAINED PARA 1 ABOVE FROM CAN THO

INDODEL REGIONAL HEAD IN JULY 16 CONVERSATION.
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